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- 1. WE CAN ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL FOR REASONS CITED.
- 2. AS WE UNDERSTAND PARA 4, TOTAL RPT TOTAL CASH REQUIREMENT IN CY 1976 IS BF 29.1M; TOTAL CASH REQUIREMENT IN CY 1977 WILL BE BF 20M FOR NIAG STUDIES PLUS AN UNDETERMINED SMALL AMOUNT FOR THE COOPERATIVE FUND. IF OUR UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT, YOU MAY APPROVE. WE FIND CATEGORY OF QUOTE CONTRACT AUTHORITY UNQUOTE ELUSIVE, LEADING TO EXPENDITURES WHICH ARE NOT CONTROLLABLE. YOU SHOULD REVIEW NEED FOR THIS CONTRACT AUTHORITY CATEGORY, EITHER IN NIAG OR CBC, AND ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE IT FROM THE BUDGET PROCESS, OR AT LEAST MAKE IT SUBJECT TO STRICTER AND MORE FREQUENT COMMITTEE REVIEW. WE WANT TO GET AWAY FROM PRESENT PROCEDURE WHEREBY WE ARE COMMITTED TO A LARGE EXPENDITURE FOR A YEAR BEFORE THE BUDGET FOR THAT YEAR HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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